

Wiwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve No. 26

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Community Support Services Available to Assist Individuals Affected by Recent Charge

WIIKWEMKOONG - Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) and Kina Gbezhgomi Child & Family Services (KGCFS) recognize the importance of coming together as a community to provide assistance and comfort to those who may be affected by a past event that has recently come to light.

On April 8, 2024, Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) charged a 57-year-old male of Sudbury with Sexual Assault under the Criminal Code of Canada. GSPS advised that the incident occurred in 1999 and involved a 15-year-old youth who was a ward of the Children's Aid Society (CAS) Sudbury & Manitoulin. The accused was a former employee of the CAS Sudbury & Manitoulin who will appear in court on May 1, 2024, to answer to the charges.

Due to the recent release of such a sensitive and traumatic event, we want to extend our heartfelt support to the community.

As a reminder, Crisis Support Services are available to all Wiikwemkoong Band Members at any time. Based on the GSPS investigation, the police are concerned there may be more victims.

To report an incident of abuse related to this incident or any other crime, do not hesitate to contact: Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police at: 705-370-3141 and ask to speak to an Officer.

For any band members outside of Wiikwemkoong, please call police in your local area.

For support services please call Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team: 705-348-1937 (anytime: 24/7). Crisis Support will provide you with the immediate supportive services you need. The Crisis Support Team will also bridge you with any ongoing supports needed.

More information on the Greater Sudbury Police Service's recent communication on this matter, can be found at the following link: <https://www.gsp.ca/en/news/57-year-old-charged-with-sexual-assault-in-historical-investigation.aspx>

Weweni (Take Care) miinwaa Kina Gbezhgomi (we are all one)

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